

REMARKS

Both the September 11, 2000 Office Action and the January 16, 2001 Office Action incorrectly indicate that claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-25, 29 and 30 are pending and stand rejected. Applicants submit that the correct disposition of claims should indicate claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-25 and 29-30 as pending rather than claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-25, 29 and 30 as indicated in the Office Action Summary.

Enclosed please find a perfected Declaration of Inventors Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.131, which has now been executed by all inventors, showing a conception date of at least as early as September 23, 1996, thereby rendering Radziewicz an ineligible prior art reference as previously stated in an amendment/reply dated November 8, 2000. Applicants apologize for this earlier oversight.

Applicants respectfully submit that in accordance with 37 CFR §1.68 the signature of a Notary is not required for the submission of a **Declaration** pursuant 37 CFR §1.131 as was previously submitted by Applicants on November 8, 2000 in lieu of an Oath.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-25 and 29-30 are in condition of allowance and respectfully request that the previous rejections based on Radziewicz be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be granted.

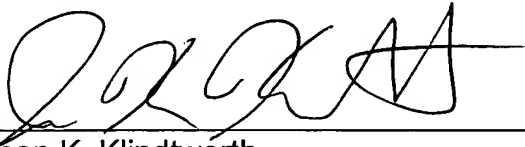
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